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FOL TEL FROM SONGKHLA DATED NOV 7 SENT ACTION BANGKOK BEING
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QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CTO RAIDS RESETTLEMENT CENTER

1. MALAYSIAN COMMUNISTS (CTO) RAIDED A RESETTLEMENT AREA
IN WAENG DISTRICT, NARATHIWAT PROVINCE, NOVEMBER 5, BLOWING
UP FOUR TRACTORS AND AN EARTH MOVER. CTO FORCE REPORTEDLY WARNED
CONSTRUCTION WORKERS EARLIER IN THE DAY TO STAY AWAY FROM THE
AREA. RTG OFFICIALS ALSO DISCOVERED LAND MINES AFTER ATTACKERS
LEFT.

2. COMMENT: WAENG AREA HAS LONG BEEN CTO TURF, BUT DIFFICULT
TO UNDERSTAND WHY IT WOULD WANT TO PROVOKE RTG WITH ONE OF
BIGGEST ATTACKS ON A SOLELY THAI TARGET--RATHER THAN FOCUSING
ON JOINT RTG-GOM PATROLS OR OPERATIONS AS HAS BEEN THE CASE.
RESETTLEMENT EFFORTS DOWN HERE IN THE PAST HAVE MOVED IN THAI
BUDDHISTS FROM NORTHEAST OR OTHER AREAS, BUT LOCAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS HAVE USUALLY MANAGED TO MINGLE THERE
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PEOPLE WITH LOCAL MALAYS WITHOUT TOO MUCH TROUBLE. IT COULD

BE THAT NARATHIWAT CTO, WHICH IS HEAVILY MUSLIM AND HAS
ATTEMPTED USE SEPARATIST PROPAGANDA TO RECRUIT THAI MALAYS
INTO MALAYSIA COMMUNIST PARTY, SAW CHANCE TO PROMOTE ITSELF AS
DEFENDER OF LOCAL MUSLIM/MALAYS AGAINST MORE RTG INTRODUCTION
OF BUDDHISTS INTO AREA.
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